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September 1, 2008 Grain Stocks

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Stocks of all wheat in Montana on September 1, 2008 were 152.8 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. All wheat stocks stored on farm amounted to 129.0 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. All wheat stored off farm amounted to 23.8 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. All wheat disappearance for the June - August 2008 quarter was down 7 percent from the same quarter last year to 30.9 million bushels, compared with 33.2 million a year ago.

Barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2008 were 38.4 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. Barley stored on farms was 30.0 million bushels, up 15 percent from last year. Off farm storage of barley was down 15 percent from a year ago to 8.4 million bushels. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance of 8.0 million bushels is down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. Oat stocks in all positions were 1.8 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. On farm oat stocks were 1.8 million bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. Oats stored off farm were down 5,000 bushels from last year to 30,000 bushels.

All wheat stored in all positions in the United States on September 1, 2008 totaled 1.86 billion bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 635 million bushels, up 28 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are down slightly from a year ago. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance is 949 million bushels, up 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 59.0 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 36.2 million bushels, are up 4 percent from September 1, 2007. Off-farm stocks totaled 22.8 million bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance of 34.2 million bushels is up 51 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 207 million bushels, up 10 percent from September 1, 2007. On-farm stocks are estimated at 127 million bushels, 20 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 80.4 million bushels, are 3 percent below September 2007. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance is 100 million bushels, 9 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 119 million bushels, 35 percent above the stocks on September 1, 2007. Of the total stocks on hand, 52.8 million bushels are stored on farms, 2 percent lower than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 66.3 million bushels, 91 percent above the previous year. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2008 totaled 36.3 million bushels, compared with 53.8 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

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| GRAIN and POSITION | MONTANA | | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Sept.1, 2007 | June 1, 2008 | Sept. 1, 2008 | '08/'07 | Sept. 1, 2007 | June 1, 2008 | Sept. 1, 2008 |
| Thousand Bushels | | | | Percent | Thousand Bushels | | |
| ALL WHEAT | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 122,000 | 5,800 | 129,000 | 106% | 495,000 | 25,635 | 635,000 |
| Off Farms 1/ | 25,140 | 13,110 | 23,750 | 94% | 1,221,927 | 280,183 | 1,221,576 |
| TOTAL | 147,140 | 18,910 | 152,750 | 104% | 1,716,927 | 305,818 | 1,856,576 |
| DURUM WHEAT 2/ | | | | | | | |
| On Farms 3/ | -- | -- | -- | -- | 34,700 | 2,350 | 36,200 |
| Off Farms 1/, 3/ | -- | -- | -- | -- | 35,764 | 5,938 | 22,799 |
| TOTAL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 70,464 | 8,288 | 58,999 |
| BARLEY | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 26,000 | 2,450 | 30,000 | 115 | 105,600 | 9,950 | 127,070 |
| Off Farms 1/ | 9,930 | 6,180 | 8,400 | 85 | 83,095 | 58,273 | 80,369 |
| TOTAL | 35,930 | 8,630 | 38,400 | 107 | 188,695 | 68,223 | 207,439 |
| OATS | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | 2,100 | 750 | 1,800 | 86 | 53,650 | 16,100 | 52,800 |
| Off Farms 1/ | 35 | 50 | 30 | 86 | 34,710 | 50,674 | 66,275 |
| TOTAL | 2,135 | 800 | 1,830 | 86 | 88,360 | 66,774 | 119,075 |
| CORN | | | | | | | |
| On Farms | -- | -- | -- | -- | 460,100 | 1,970,900 | 499,950 |
| Off Farms 1/ | -- | -- | -- | -- | 843,547 | 2,057,117 | 1,124,200 |
| TOTAL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1,303,647 | 4,028,017 | 1,624,150 |

1/ Terminals, mills, interior elevators. 2/ Included in all wheat. 3/ Not published in order to avoid disclosing individual operations.